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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years
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Good Morning Optimist

It almost feels like spring as we gather and are greeted by **George Buzick** and **Rod Winget** this morning.

First Bell

We are without the services of Club President **Jon Wachter** and in his place is club VP **John Oss**. John rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and starts by asking **Frank Ross** to deliver the invocation to the assembled group. Frank then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Leading the Pack

Acting honcho **John Oss** asks for any guests this morning, but alas, none but **Fred Pastenack's** no show are acknowledged. Fred's no show is greeted warmly and given a new member packet. We would love to get more members, so please get on the bus and start rousting any potential guests you can think would enjoy our mission and camaraderie.



Spotted in the Parking Lot

Perry Allen reports to have spotted a beautiful



Vintage 1957 T-Bird
File photo

car parked outside in the lot and tells us about the T-Bird he learned to drive fast-back in his younger days. We learn that **Dave Peck** is the owner of the dream ride, at-a-boy Dave!

Announcements

Patrick's Day Parade: **Gary Strowbridge** tells us about next week's St. Patrick's Day Parade and the role of the "Pooper Scooper Patrol." He needs more of you to help. So, if shoveling the goods is a talent

you possess, please sign up. See **Gary** or sign-on the line that is dotted. To give you an idea of the fun that comes with this exciting shoveling opportunity see **Tom Hoch's** acclaimed 2011 video clip titled, *Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade "Pooper Scoopers!"* at <http://vimeo.com/21072821>.



Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** rings the final bell for his money-raising endeavor for the Special Olympics, Polar Plunge. See Heather Mill's from Fox 31 News at <http://kdvr.com/2014/03/08/special-olympics-colorado-polar-plunge/>.

Tri Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** is looking for volunteers for the East Metro Regional Tri Star Basketball skills competition to be held Saturday, March 22, 2014 starting at 12:30 p.m. at North High School, 2960 N. Speer Boulevard. See Michael or sign up to participate and support this worthy cause.

Member Directory Update: **Tom Mauro** is looking for those forlorn and seeking to amend their own personal profile that debuts in the newest revision of the *MSOC Membership Roster*. He is also asking for sponsorship advertisements. See Tom.

Upcoming MSOC Election: **Oscar Sorensen** trumpets the upcoming election meeting, always a highlight of the annual events. The eloquence and panache that ensues will warm the cockles. This is the time to participate and/or elect those who will lead us from 2014 into 2015. Be sure to be here to vote.



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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
******INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN******

Announcements Continued

OI PGI Program: A Tip from Phil Perington



In our continuing quest for advancement within the PGI, personal growth program, these two requirements are easy and fun to do.

Level 1: Knowledge of Organization: "learn the 5 purposes and the founding of OI," can be easily accomplished by carrying the MSOC business/invitation card and reading it regularly.

Level 2: Self Development: "Make a short presentation at a Club meeting about why a prospective member should join your Optimist Club." This is as simple as explaining why the new member you have just introduced should join, as you Smile and hand them an application.

Do not forget to have President **Jon Wachter**, Club Secretary **Pat Bush**, or Treasurer **Greg Young**, sign your Passport. It is a group effort and lots of fun.

Next time we will talk about Youth Activity and Communication.

Some Humor



- ◇ I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.
- ◇ When chemists die, they barium.
- ◇ Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- ◇ A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

- ◇ I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- ◇ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ◇ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- ◇ This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club,

but I'd never met herbivore.

- ◇ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- ◇ I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- ◇ They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.
- ◇ A dyslexic man walks into a bra and orders a martini.
- ◇ Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- ◇ Energizer Bunny arrested. Charged with battery.
- ◇ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- ◇ How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!
- ◇ Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- ◇ When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- ◇ What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- ◇ I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- ◇ Broken pencils are pointless.
- ◇ What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- ◇ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- ◇ I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- ◇ I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- ◇ All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.
- ◇ I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- ◇ Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- ◇ Velcro - what a rip off!
- ◇ Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.
- ◇ Venison for dinner? Oh deer!
- ◇ Earthquake in Washington - obviously government's fault.
- ◇ I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- ◇ Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

Scotch with Two Drops of Water

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink, she says, "I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today."

The bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me."



As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink, too." The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming up" says the bartender. As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, "I too would like to buy you one." The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming right up," the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?"

The old woman replies, "Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor ... but holding your water, however, is a whole other issue."

Our Speaker, Rodner Winget MSOC Member & Producer/Director, Longevity Films

John Oss introduces our speaker this morning, our own **Rod Winget**. Rod has made several documentary films, but the one he shared today was about senior citizens and a skiing community that emerged from its ranks.

The project started with a flyer posted in and around Taos and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The project needed skiers over 60 who wanted to meet other skiers interested in weekly ski days that would involve skiing together in team-oriented drills. They also received instruction from certified ski instructors that would improve their skills in all areas of the mountain skiing including tree skiing and moguls. These participants seem to hold true regarding the saying *"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing."* In other words, continue to move your body and mind and continue to do these things to keep a body that can support you.

The documentary film takes place at Taos Ski area and starts with Jeanie, 64, who joined the group and skied many places on the mountain she had not done before, even though she thought of the mountain as her home ski area. She actually had skied there for many years. Another participant, John, who was 66 at the time, emphasizes the commitment to keeping your body moving. How growing up he had always been



Rod Winget
Photo Don StJohn

outdoors with his father, hunting, hiking, camping, and those experiences stayed him his entire life. He considers the outdoor activities to be like vitamins for him. The film showed several instances of the teams working together to perfect different group skiing skills. Skiing in line and a human slalom drill were just a couple of the exercises they practiced and enjoyed. A common theme seemed to be how much fun they had getting to know other group members and what skills they were able to improve upon. The film showed them working on these skills was shot very skillfully. The accompanying music and narration enhanced the overall message of the film and team members.

The film interviewed many of the members who seemed to have had different experiences but a common theme; they all loved skiing and had a wonderful time during the filming and making of this movie. Rod answered several questions and was given the coveted Optimist coffee cup for his wonderful presentation.

For more insight into Rod and his wife, Carol Daniel -Winget's work see Longevity Films, LLC at <http://www.longevityfilms.com/index.html>. While on his website take a look several other sample video trailers.

Thank you Rod for an enjoyable presentations!

Do we have a drawing?



Do we have a drawing? Yes and there is \$90 in the pot with a full deck to choose from. Lucky ticket holders this morning include **Jack Kleinheksel, Wyatt**

McCallie and no winning card is drawn. **Mike McMahon** has his name drawn from the nametag jug but also comes up empty. Go out on this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism.

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 12 @ 2:30	MPB	Ed Collins
Mar 20 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Pat Bush
Mar 28 @ 9:30	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Mar 28 @ 12:45	McMeen	Mark Metevia
Mar 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

3/14/14	Tom Glazier & Mark Metavia
3/21/14	Bob Avery & Rob Gardner
3/28/14	Al Gapuzan & Jim Vander Kamp
4/4/14	Nick Newey & Tom Hoch
4/11/14	Barry Barker & Michael Chavez

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 21 Wed 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TV Star

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.